



## Cal OES Office of Tribal Coordination

Building partnerships with Tribal Governments is essential in emergency management planning, response and recovery and working together to build more resilient and better prepared communities. In September 2011, the Governor issued [Executive Order B-10-11](#), directing state government to implement effective government to government consultation with CA Indian Tribes on policies that affect CA tribal communities. In May 2015, Cal OES re-

leased the [Tribal Consultation Policy](#) that provides the framework to facilitate communication and maintain collaboration between Cal OES and California Federally Recognized Tribes. The Tribal Office serves as the primary point of contact and provides technical support to California Native American Tribes on emergency management issues and topics. Our desire is to continue the development of Tribal involvement in emergency management programs

to identify best practices for potential use in integrating Tribes into the state emergency management system. We aim to provide the most current training resources that help improve working relationships with Tribal representatives and to integrate Tribal governments through increased Tribal cultural awareness.

## Cal OES Divisions

**Plan and Prepare-**Develops and maintains all-hazards emergency plans and guidance; administers the Standardized Emergency Management System Maintenance System, coordinates the State's activities in the federal National Incident Management System, and provides technical assistance in radiological-nuclear and homeland security areas. Also develops and maintains the State Emergency Plan and its annexes, and assists local and state agencies in developing their own emergency preparedness and response plans.

**Response-** Responsible for the immediate protection of life, property, and the environment. The Response Division includes the State Operations Center, Regional Emergency Management Operations, Mutual Aid Programs/Coordination, Fire and Rescue, Hazardous Materials, Law Enforcement, Homeland Security and Counter-Terrorism, Infrastructure Pro-

tection and Mitigation, California State Warning Center, and Emergency Telecommunications and Continuity of Government.

**Recovery-** Manages recovery and reconstruction efforts to areas in California impacted by disasters. Facilitates/Coordinates reimbursements to/ from other states or the federal government; and is the lead for monitoring, updating, and implementing the California Disaster Recovery Framework.

**Grants and Funding-** Administers federal and state funds for criminal justice, emergency management, victim services, and homeland security programs. Develops and manages grant programs that provide services through government agencies, community-based organizations, and nonprofit organizations. These grants enable, improve, and enhance effective prevention, detection, victim services, and response and recovery.

**Training-** Supports statewide training, exercises, and education in emergency management, public safety, homeland security, hazardous materials, disaster recovery, and crisis communications for local, state, and tribal governments, emergency management personnel, and private-sector customers.

**Public Safety-** Responsible for design, installation, maintenance, and repair of the statewide microwave network and public safety radio communications systems used by the state's public safety agencies' first responders on a 24 hour/365 days-a-year basis.

Visit [www.caloes.ca.gov](http://www.caloes.ca.gov) for more information.

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# 48th Annual Native American Day

Native American Day is a yearly celebration of Native American culture, native youth, leaders, and community members.

Working together with other tribal nations, educators and public administrators, we are building valuable resources for the classroom in order to teach more about the California tribes. Through annual events like the California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference, thousands of school children, educators and community members come together to learn about the California Native American way of life.

This event is a great opportunity for state agencies and Sacramento employees to interface with the local and statewide Native American community while also learning about the great variety of state, federal, and local government programs designed to assist Native American people.

In light of California's drought, this year we are celebrating

## ***WATER: PROTECTING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES***

For more information, please visit the [Native American Day Facebook](#)



This event, which is kindly hosted by Northern California Tribal Chairmen's Association; and other participating sponsors, will be presented by CA State Tribal Liaisons and the Northern, Southern, and Central CA Tribal Chairmen's Associations.

**Celebration Commences  
at**

**September 25th, 2015**

**10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.**

**State Capitol – West Steps**

- ◆ Food Vendors (9am-3pm)
- ◆ Arts and Crafts (9am-3pm)
- ◆ State Department  
Resource Information
- ◆ Dance Demonstrations
- ◆ Speakers from California Indian  
Leaders
- ◆ Honoring Tribal Elders and  
Veterans

## Save Our Water

If you haven't heard already, California is facing its worse drought in history. Recently, Governor Brown released his fourth Executive Order to save water, increase enforcement to prevent wasteful water use, streamline the State's drought response, and invest in new technologies that will make California more drought resilient. The severity of the drought enacted water use reductions by 25% in cities and towns across California.

All efforts in limiting water usage are critical and we need YOUR help.

Tips on how you can help CA save water:

- ◇ When washing your hands, turn the water off while you lather
- ◇ Use the washing machine / dishwasher for full loads only
- ◇ Soak pots/pans instead of running the water while scraping them
- ◇ Wash your fruits and vegetables in a pan of water instead of running water from the tap.
- ◇ Wash cars/boats with a bucket,

sponge, and hose with self-closing nozzle. Save: 8-18 gallons/minute.

- ◇ Water early in the morning or later in the evening when temperatures are cooler. Save: 25 gallons/each time you water
- ◇ Take five-minute showers instead of 10 minute showers. Save: 12.5 gallons with a low flow showerhead, 25 gallons with a standard 5.0 gallon per minute showerhead.
- ◇ Turn water off when brushing teeth or shaving. Save: Approximately 10 Gallons/Day

***"Rethink your water use  
indoors and outdoors."***

**To find out more tips on  
how to do your  
part in saving water,  
please visit**

**[www.saveourwater.com](http://www.saveourwater.com)**



# Tribal Talk

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“The Morongo Band of Mission Indians recently conducted an emergency drill to practice safely evacuating all students from the three Morongo Indian Reservation school campuses in the face of a simulated wildfire that threatened the facilities. In order for this to occur, a collaborative approach was necessary, internally and externally. Morongo has built strong relationships with neighboring jurisdictions, Riverside County and the State of California through frequent collaboration and communication. Periodic meetings and joint training exercises provide tribal personnel and officials at various agencies opportunities to work shoulder-to-shoulder to practice drills that mirror real life crisis scenarios. For example, Cal OES Tribal Liaison Bill Martinez was instrumental in developing and implementing our full scale evacuation plan for all three campus of the Morongo School. That plan was subsequently used to conduct

the very successful multi-jurisdictional training exercise in May 2015 at the Morongo School involving personnel from the neighboring City of Banning Police Department, the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and the Riverside County Emergency Management Department. “Nothing is more important than the safety and wellbeing of the children at our schools, and proactive exercises such as this help ensure that we are best prepared to respond should a real emergency strike,” said Tribal Chairman Robert Martin of the Morongo Band of Mission Indians. “We want to thank our partner agencies for their time and for working with us to conduct this important training exercise.”

*-Floyd Velasquez  
Emergency Management Director  
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## Upcoming Trainings

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If your Tribal Community is interested in hosting any of the following trainings for 2016, please contact Melanie Lusi at [Melanie.Lusi@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:Melanie.Lusi@caloes.ca.gov).

- **Integrating Access and Functional Needs**
- **Public Law 280**
- **Debris Training**
- **Tribal Cultural Awareness**
- **ICS/SEMS/NIMS Combined Basic Curriculum**
- **Emergency Operation Center (EOC) Management and Operations**
- **Incident Command System (ICS)/EOC Interface Workshop**

### ***Significant Weekly/Monthly Calls:***

#### **Statewide Drought Call-**

Every Monday at 11:00AM  
866-768-8564

Code: 7526714#

#### **National Tribal Assistance Coordination Group (TAC-G) Call-**

1st Thursday of each month  
866-768-8564

Code: 7526714#

#### **California Tribal Assistance Coordination Group (TAC-G) Call-**

3rd Thursday of each month  
877-655-9025

Code: 4174120#

### ***Training Opportunities:***

[Cal OES Training Bulletin](#)

[FEMA Independent Study](#)

### ***Other helpful links:***

[Indian Health Services](#)

[Prepare for Emergencies in Indian Country](#)

[FEMA Tribal Policies & Legislation](#)

[Emergency Preparedness and Response for Native American Cultural Resources](#)

[Cal OES Grants](#)

# Are You Ready to ShakeOut?

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The Great California ShakeOut is coming this October! Is your Tribal community registered and ready to participate?

You could be in any location when an earthquake occurs. Keep yourself safe by planning for and practicing a form of the **Drop, Cover, and Hold On Drill** appropriate for you and, as needed, for colleagues who may require assistance, in your location on **October 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:15 am.**

Yes! There are many different ways to protect yourself! Check out these informational links:

Recommended safety actions (including situations when you cannot get beneath a table) [http://www.earthquakecountry.info/downloads/ShakeOut\\_Recommended\\_Earthquake\\_Safety\\_Actions.pdf](http://www.earthquakecountry.info/downloads/ShakeOut_Recommended_Earthquake_Safety_Actions.pdf)

Key Earthquake Safety Tips for Individuals with Disabilities and Other Access or Functional Needs  
[http://www.earthquakecountry.info/downloads/ShakeOut\\_Earthquake\\_Tips\\_Disabilities\\_AFN.pdf](http://www.earthquakecountry.info/downloads/ShakeOut_Earthquake_Tips_Disabilities_AFN.pdf)

There are resources for Tribes/Rancherias, nonprofit organizations, schools, colleges, businesses, healthcare, and care providers of young children all available on the ShakeOut website: <http://www.shakeout.org/california/tribesrancherias/>

For a visual and subtitled demonstration of how individuals with mobility limitations, disabilities and other access/functional needs can protect themselves during an earthquake see the Cal OES Informative videos that demonstrate steps to take and key considerations (Please scroll down the page to locate them): <http://www.caloes.ca.gov/Cal-OES-Divisions/Access-Functional-Needs>

Do you know the Seven Steps to Earthquake Safety? See them here: <http://earthquakecountry.org/sevensteps/>

Just last year in 2014 when drill participation soared to 10.4 million, local governments were able to use the ShakeOut drill as a catalyst to review their Emergency Operations Plan, exercise their Evacuation Plan, test communications, update policies and procedures, activate a Departmental Operations Center, update emergency supplies kits, and hold an employee safety fair. Way to go!

The drill only takes a minute and practice helps us turn a thought into an action that comes more naturally when surprised by a sudden event like an earthquake.

Our goal is to keep everyone safe by practicing preparedness!

For more information please see <http://www.shakeout.org/california/> or contact Sheri Blankenheim, Cal OES Earthquake and Tsunami Program at [Sharon.blankenheim@caloes.ca.gov](mailto:Sharon.blankenheim@caloes.ca.gov)





# Get To Know Cal OES Office of Tribal Coordination!



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Denise has a combination of 20+ years' experience in Emergency Management and in the operational field as a Firefighter/Fire Dispatcher. She has served as a Tribal Advocate/Emergency Services Coordinator, both with California Governor's Office of Homeland Security (Cal OHS) and California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES). Denise has served at numerous levels throughout the Cal OES, notably in the Law Enforcement Division, as the Executive Assistant to the Blue Ribbon Fire Commission established after 2003 Fire Siege in Southern CA; Executive Branch, as the State Operations Coordinator under Director Dallas Jones and Deputy Director Mark Ghilarducci; Fire Dispatcher in the Fire & Rescue Branch; and an Emergency Notification Controller in State Warning Center. After the creation of Cal OHS, Denise became the Emergency Management representative as the Lead Exercise Coordinator for State Agencies for the CA Statewide Exercise, Golden Guardian. Denise came to Cal OES after serving a career with California Department of Forestry as a Dispatcher/Firefighter



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Melanie attended Colorado Christian University (CCU) on scholarship where she played softball and earned her Bachelor's degree in Social Science with an emphasis in Psychology. Upon her graduation, she remained in Denver and worked as a Job Coach for adults with access and functional needs and an Assistant Softball Coach for CCU. After returning to California in 2014, she served as a Child Care Worker for Sierra Child and Family Services. Melanie came to Cal OES as an emergency hire in the Office of Tribal Coordination in August 2014. She was then hired on as a fulltime as Staff Services Analyst for the Office of Tribal Coordination in June 2015.

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